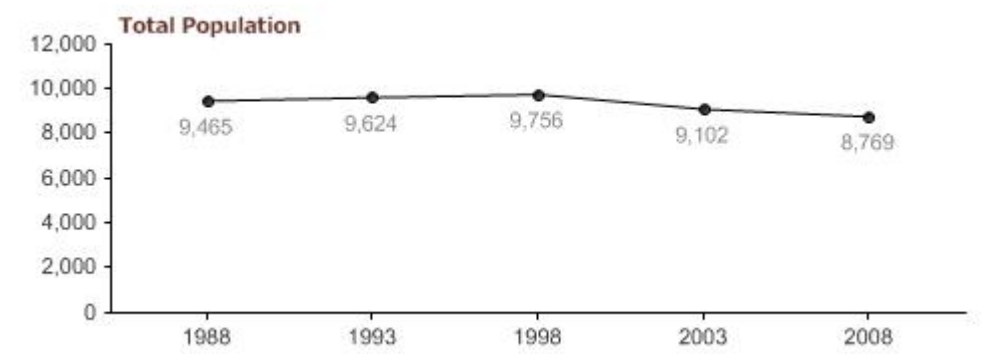


# Benton County, IN Highlights

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	9,465	9,624	9,756	9,102	8,769
Change Since 1988		159	291	-363	-696
Pct. Change Since 1988		1.7%	3.1%	-3.8%	-7.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-42	
International Migration	0	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	31	
Births	122	
Deaths	91	

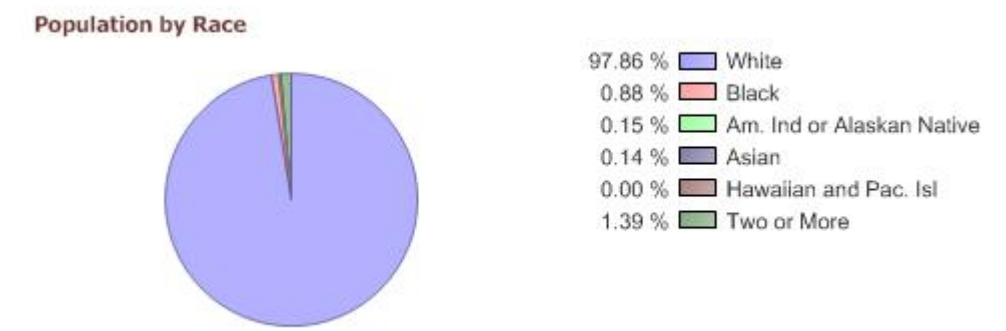
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Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	608	6.9%
School Age	1,639	18.7%
College Age	711	8.1%

Young Adult	2,090	23.8%
Older Adult	2,337	26.6%
Older (65 plus)	1,425	16.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	13	0.1%
Asian Alone	12	0.1%
Black Alone	77	0.9%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	8,586	97.9%
Two or More Race Groups	122	1.4%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	8,463	96.5%
Hispanic or Latino	347	4.0%

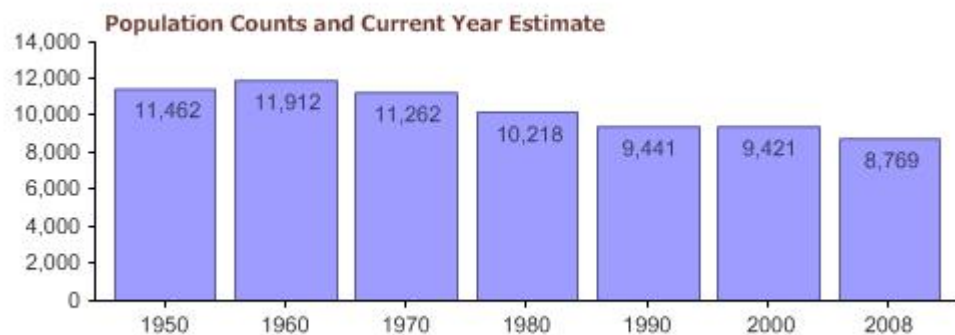
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Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	3,558	100.0%
Family Households	2,549	71.6%
Married with Children	963	27.1%
Married without Children	1,155	32.5%
Single Parents	289	8.1%
Other	142	4.0%
Non-family Households	1,009	28.4%
Living Alone	871	24.5%
Average Household Size	2.64	
Average Family Household Size	3.69	

Source: US Census Bureau

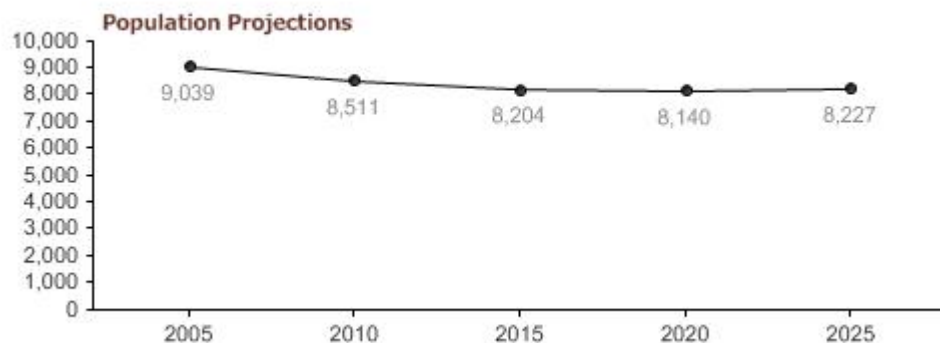
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	11,462	NA	NA
1960	11,912	450	3.9%
1970	11,262	-650	-5.5%
1980	10,218	-1,044	-9.3%
1990	9,441	-777	-7.6%

April 2000	9,421	-20	-0.2%
2008	8,769	-652	-6.9%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	9,039	8,511	8,204	8,140	8,227
Change Since 2005		-528	-835	-899	-812
Pct. Change Since 2005		-5.8%	-9.2%	-9.9%	-9.0%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center